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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, PGOV, US, DR
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRAVEL BY PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO NEW YORK

1. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON RAFAEL BELLO ANDINO, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER, INFORMED AMBASSADOR IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT BALAGUER WAS CONTEMPLATING GOING TO NEW YORK SOON AND INQUIRED WHEN THE STATUE OF FOUNDING FATHER JUAN PABLO DUARTE WOULD BE READY FOR UNVEILING IN NEW YORK. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S INQUIRY, BELLO THOUGHT BALAGUER MIGHT TRAVEL AROUND MAY 15 BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE AS TO REASON. AMBASSADOR UNDERTOOK TO ASCERTAIN STATUS OF DUARTE STATUE IN NEW YORK.

2. AMBASSADOR CONSULTED MAYOR BEAME'S OFFICE BY TELEPHONE AND LEARNED THAT ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE WITH THE NEW YORK CITY BUREAUCRACY TO PERMIT THE STATUE TO BE ERECTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS AND CANAL STREET, IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT THE STATUE WOULD BE IN PLACE FOR UNVEILING BY MAY 15. NEW YORK CITY OFFICIAL, JOSEPH ERAZO, UNDERTOOK TO PUSH THINGS ALONG AND TO KEEP AMBASSADOR INFORMED.

3. COMMENT: IN THE PAST, PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS BEEN ADAMANT IN HIS REFUSAL TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY EXCEPT TO ATTEND
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THE INAUGURATION OF PUERTO RICAN GOVERNORS AND THEN ONLY FOR A FEW HOURS EACH TIME. THE CONTEMPLATED TRIP MAY BE IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EYESIGHT PROBLEM. WE SHALL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. SOME PRELIMINARY AND CONTINGENCY THOUGHT MIGHT BE GIVEN AS TO APPROPRIATE COURTESIES TO THIS DURABLE, PRO-WESTERN LEADER WHO HAS CONVERTED THE MESS HE INHERITED IN 1966 INTO A PROSPERING,

POLITICALLY TRANQUIL COUNTRY WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BY AND
LARGE RESPECTED.
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